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## Musings

By an Innocent Bystander

As one sits and ponders over the news of the week seeking a text for our weekly broadcast we are struck with the seeming fact that this neck of the woods appears to be as good as any (and better than most) place in the country to live in. Blizzards to the east of us; floods to the south of us; feet and more feet of rain to the west of us; snow blockades to the north of us—thanks, we'll take the old Rogue valley any day.

Even Friend Bob of the M-T seems a bit lonesome down in his beloved Hollywood. If one may judge by his recent "Editorial correspondence." Better stick to the old home town, Bob old son, and never mind "sunny Cal."

Had a dent put in our bump of self-esteem this week. Whether the absence of Big Chief Banwell or just the fact that folks are getting weary of radio gabbling, had anything to do with it, we can't say. But so far we have only found a corporal's guard who had the patience to listen in to our maiden speech bragging of our home town over the local broadcasting station (and part of them were Medford folks.) Anyway, it proves to our mind we can reach a larger audience by sticking to the old lead pencil right in our home paper.

There's a sort of an ache in our old heart tonight as we think of those lonesome people in that little Texas town where no longer is heard that sweetest of all sounds, childish laughter. Just think what it would mean in our town where the number of school children is about the same, if they were suddenly taken off our streets and from our homes. God grant it never happens here.

People sometimes find fault with school boards and call them fussy old grannies when they require certain regulations kept. And they sometimes say the board was extravagant when they put in a reliable fire escape on a safe heating system. But when such horrible disasters as this occur we thank our stars we have had such far-sighted men on the job.

But it does seem as though something will have to be done about these wildcat bus drivers. The regular men who drive regular routes for the major companies are among the best drivers in the country and seldom get into trouble. But every once in a while we read of some crowd of young folks in a bus going to or from some sport event getting into a smashup. Something wrong somewhere.

We have had to face a lot of inquiries the past few days about the sawmill we reported as coming to this vicinity. Seems that Medford (or at least the Trib) has been up to the old trick of grabbing everything in sight. In a news item regarding the mill it was said it was to be built "just north of the Owen-Oregon property." Well, they had their direction right—it will be north but about 2 1/2 miles north. Right up against the city limits of Central Point in fact. We understand that work has already begun.

Rumor has it that some crazy galoot has been talking of getting out a petition to keep this mill away from our town. What's the grand idea, for the love of Mike? Here our folks have been bewailing the lack of industries which would add to the payroll of the town, and some poor benighted soul wants to scare one away, when it does come. This town is certainly in no shape to set itself up as a restricted residence district and refuse to allow such things as sawmills to darken our doors.

The Alexander Hardware and Implement house is sure a hive of industry just now. Moving is well under way and they are busier than a bird dog getting things over to the new building. But they are sure going to have a dandy store when finished. Light, pleasant and roomy, with an opportunity to display their goods to the best advantage. But Mr. Alexander says he don't know yet just where he will hide his desk in that big bright place.

They say even the best of us occasionally fall by the wayside and get into mischief. Well, even after all these years of driving some kind of a car, we started out in the country to test out our little bus and ran out of gas the first mile. Thank goodness, it wasn't raining and a nice young lady happened along and walked in with us, so it wasn't too bad. Worst thing was, the better half caught us at it.

## REVIVAL TO OPEN IN CHURCH OF CHRIST

James Matthew Alley will lead us in a great Gospel Campaign starting next Thursday, April 1st. Spirit singing, Gospel preaching and Great Audiences—  
We are working and praying toward this end.  
Come and help us!  
Clifton A. Phillips.  
Mr. E. R. Gleason has treated the front of the Beauty Salon and Barber Shop with a new coat of silver grey paint.

## SCHOOL HEADS STUDY PROBLEMS AT STATE MEET

Supt. H. P. Jewett attended the annual conference of city superintendents held at Salem last Friday and Saturday. The meeting was presided over by Supt. Frank Bennett of Tillamook and was held at the Elk's Temple. The conference received greetings from Governor Martin and was also addressed by C. A. Sprague, editor of the Oregon Statesman and Dr. Dexter M. Keezer, President of Reed College.

Committee reports on practical school problems were read and discussed by the superintendents. Mr. Jewett was a member of the committee concerned with janitor training and service. Mr. Hedrick was chairman of this committee and presented the report. Other important topics discussed were the P.T.A. in relation to the Administration of the schools. Mrs. Wm. Kleizer, state president of the P.T.A. led this discussion. "A Junior High School program for Oregon" and "The General Health Program of Oregon in Cooperation with the State Medical Association" were the other important topics.

Saturday afternoon the superintendents were invited to sit in conference with the appointment directors of the universities and normal schools.

Mr. Jewett was accompanied by his family and all report a most enjoyable trip. Friday and Saturday evenings were spent at the state basketball tournament.

## How to Fight Garden Pests Told

What to do with cucumber beetles, aphids, cabbage worms, onion maggots, cutworms, earwigs and all the host of other pests that annually appear to reap the crop the gardener has sown?

This question will again become a pressing one, with the approach of gardening time, and victory for the gardener lies in using the right weapons at the right time. Lists of the different types of insecticides, the common insects, comparative values of sprays and dusts, kinds of sprayers and dusters and much other information of value to growers in the coming campaign is contained in a new extension bulletin, No. 496, prepared by Dr. Do C. Mote and Prof. B. G. Thompson of the entomology department at Oregon State college.

Most insecticides may be applied as a liquid spray or as a dust, but dusting seems to be the more acceptable method for treating vegetable crops, the entomologists say, as dusting outfits are comparatively inexpensive and handy. Several types of hand dusters suitable for this purpose are on the market. The three common kinds are the bellows type, in which the air blast is generated by a bellows; the cylinder type, in which a piston is utilized to make the air blast, and the rotary fan type.

The fan type is the most expensive, it is pointed out, but is most suitable for larger areas. The bellows and cylinder type, which range in cost from \$1 up, according to size, are satisfactory for small gardens, giving good coverage with least waste of dust.

If a duster is not available, a cheese cloth bag may be made to serve the purpose for small areas. The dust is placed in a bag made of cheese cloth and shaken over the plants.

Copies of the bulletin are available free from the college or from county agents' offices.

## EDITOR MAKES MISTAKE

An editor of a weekly paper commenting at the fact that his paper sometimes made mistakes, says that a good subscriber told him all about it. He goes on to relate that about the same day there was a letter in his post office box that did not belong to him; he called No. 98 on the phone and got 198; he called for a spool of No. 59 thread and got a spool of No. 60; he got his milk bill and there was a mistake of 10c in his favor; he felt sick and the doctor said he was eating too much meat when he hadn't tasted meat for two months; the preacher turned in his church notes with the name of the ladies' aid society president misspelled and the editor got the blame for it; the garage man said the flikey was missing because it needed a new timer and he cleaned a spark plug and the flikey has run ever since.—The Publishers' Auxiliary.

## Ladies Meet to Discuss Library And Form Club

A number of ladies interested in the local library situation met at the library room in the old city hall Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of listening to a report of the committee which had solicited subscriptions for library support.

The committee reported that sufficient funds had been secured to pay this month's obligations and they had met with very cordial reception in nearly all places contacted. However, much talk has been heard regarding this method of retaining the library. Many people of the city have expressed the opinion that raising the necessary funds by popular subscription was putting an unfair burden upon a few people and letting the great mass of actual or potential users of the library to go free.

Knowing that there was such a feeling about the matter, The American made an investigation of the situation with the following result:

The assessed valuation of all property in the city is \$318,301 at this time. The millage rate necessary to raise the same amount the city had been paying for library support is approximately 45 hundredths of a mill, or .0045. Using this mill-

age rate as a basis, a taxpayer whose property is assessed at \$1000 would pay 45 cents a year as his share of the cost of the library. Any property owner can easily find what he would pay by multiplying the assessed valuation of his property by that decimal, .0045.

Further, it was learned that the city budget for 1937 included an item of \$120 for library maintenance, and \$18 for lights and fuel for same. This has already been levied for and thus the city will collect this amount whether or not they use it for the purpose for which it was levied.

The ladies appointed a committee to call upon the city council at the next regular meeting and hear just what the council has to say before going farther with plans to raise money.

Another meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. G. E. Fox next Wednesday, March 31 at which time it is hoped all ladies interested in having a local civic club here will be present. If enough desire it, officers will be elected for the year and work started on several projected plans. Refreshments will be served and a pleasant meeting is expected.

## Grand Prize Is Offered for Largest Salmon This Year

ATTENTION—all you fishermen fans. Ross & Ross of Central Point are offering a GRAND PRIZE for the largest salmon caught during the season.

The prize will be a beautiful \$25.00 special hand made, gold mounted salmon pole.

Seeing is believing—only by seeing, can the beauty of this pole be appreciated. All are invited to come to Ross & Ross and see the grand prize.

Bring in your big catch, Ross & Ross will weigh and register your salmon.

Contest will close July 15, 1937.

## Central Point Boy Texas Blast Victim

Central Point, March 21.—Roy Ernest Anderson, 15, formerly of Central Point, was one of the high school students killed in the New London, Texas, school explosion, according to word received here by his aunt, Mrs. Joe Meyers, of the Willow Springs district. The boy's body was recovered Friday night, she learned.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Anderson, lived on a small farm west of here for several years. The boy, an only child, attended a rural school. They left Oregon three years ago for Texas. Anderson is employed in the fields of the Humble Oil company at New London.—Portland Journal.

## P.N.G. Club Meets At Merritt Home

The Past Noble Grand club met at the home of Mrs. Merritt last Thursday for an all day quilting bee. Mrs. Clara Vincent and the hostess, Mrs. Catherine Merritt, served a very delicious luncheon of chicken sandwiches, salad, angel food pie and coffee. Those present were: Mesdames Gleason, Pankay, Ferguson, Simmons, Farra, Buckles and Besbie Fredenberg and one visitor, Mrs. Amick. The ladies are quilting the quilt to be sold at a bazaar which they plan for in the future. The next meeting will be at the Odd Fellows' hall and the husbands will be invited.

## Modernization Loans Still Made by Bank

Modernization Loans will continue as part of the function of The United States National Bank, even if Title One under the Federal Housing Act is not renewed April first, states an announcement made today by George T. Frey, manager of the Medford branch.

"The bank will continue to make loans for modernization purposes and to assist dealers in financing the sale of household equipment and appliances under the same attractive terms as heretofore permitted under the Housing Act," stated Frey.

This is in conformity with the policy of the United States National Bank as announced by Paul S. Dick, president. According to Dick, the United States National has made some 8,000 separate loans for modernization purposes during the past two years and the success of these loans, states Dick, warrants the bank continuing that service even after the expiration of that clause in the Housing Act. Furthermore, it is the opinion of the bank's officials that Oregon is just now entering a more pronounced era of building and modernization and thus should receive every encouragement.

## Salmagundi Party To Be Enjoyed By Boy Scouts

A joint party by the Boy and Girl Scouts will be given at the High School gymnasium Thursday, April 1, (no foolin'), beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Reserve the date and be sure and be there. It will be something different from anything that has ever been given in Central Point. The games, stunts, tricks, etc., will be put on and supervised by the Boy and Girl Scouts, but will be open to the general public (or anyone who has two-bits to spare for a general good time and an evening of real fun.) The small charge of 25c adult admission and 10c for school children, other than Scouts, up to the eighth grade, and 5c for small children is to go for meeting the expense of rent, heat and light incurred while meeting in the old church.

If you wish to know just the nature of the entertainment and to see what the boys and girls are doing and what Scouting stands for, be there. Every lesson and game has for its ultimate end the solution of problems either not taught or stressed in school and tending toward the making of useful citizens.

Come and see why so many of our most influential men, in many cases even men without children of their own, spent their time and money without salary to promote Scouting.

Light refreshments will be served.

## Ladies to Meet At Fox Home To Form Club

There will be a continued meeting of all ladies of Central Point interested in the civic welfare of the city at the home of Mrs. Geo. Fox next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. The meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers in the new Civic Club and to perfect plans for the coming year.

## Wrestling Bouts Draw Large Crowd

The wrestling match Monday night at the Armory was well attended. Space is too crowded to give more than a brief summary of the matches. In the opener "Rubber Legs" Bill Hall maintained his winning streak here by taking one fall from Joe Smolinski and being awarded the second on fouls.

The second match between Danny Savich and George Carr was good clean wrestling, Savich winning with two straight falls.

The Black Dragon won the main match by getting a Boston Crab on George Lagoski which crippled George so much that Frisbie stopped the match within two minutes after he came back.

## Five Years Ago--

Miss Iola Carr and Helen Lees spent Sunday afternoon with friends on Sardinia Creek.

Ernest Rostel, member of Crater Lake staff, spoke on Wild Life in Crater Lake Park, before the boys and the Kiwanis' at Roseburg this week.

Miss Ardis Casad was hostess for a party given for Charles Hickey March 17.

Rev. Nugent and Mrs. Guy Porter and daughter Lillian of Albany were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Grisham Sunday.

## Mr & Mrs Newcomer

You wish to get acquainted with local conditions—keep in touch with social, school and church affairs—also various news items in regard to work, trade and business deals? The best and most likely satisfactory way to do this is to read your local newspaper.

During the month of April we will accept 50c for six months subscription. This offer is only an introductory offer and will not be given to anyone now getting the paper.

## Miss Johnson Wed To Harry Elden Saturday Afternoon

Miss Winifred Naomi Johnson became the bride of Harry F. Elden in a quiet ceremony which took place at 6 o'clock at St. Mark's Episcopal church in Medford Saturday afternoon.

Miss Johnson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Johnson of this city and Mr. Elden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elden of the Willow Springs district.

The bride wore a blue silk suit and a corsage of gardenias and roses.

The couple was attended by Mr. and Mrs. George Elden of Grants Pass, brother and sister-in-law of the groom. Only a few guests were present for the service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Elden were hosts at a reception following the church service. Bride and groom will spend a honeymoon on the coast before returning to make their home here.

Both have lived in the valley for a number of years and have many friends and acquaintances. Both graduated from the local high school.

## Parker Says Medford Up To Old Trick

Hey there Medford, you big Poluka, how come you trying to grab my saw-mill here in Central Point? Since when does the City limits of your TOWN join the city limits of OUR CITY? Listen you, I live in Central Point. And my South property line is about 60 feet more or less from the new sawmill's property line, and I am a heck of a ways from Medford. Someday Medford may be part of Central Point, but Central Point will never be part of Medford.

Now Medford, I like you a heck of a lot, honest I do, but when you try to grab for your glory every good thing that comes to the Rogue River valley it kinder get into my English, Irish, French, Pennsylvania, Dutch and Algerian Blood, and I don't mind telling you so. You've got everything in Medford from Soup to Nuts, so give some one else a chance to have something for a change. What you say? Come on Medford and let us have just a teeny-wenny saw-mill. Be a good sport about it. If you don't, why we will just take the mill anyway. So What.—Archie Parker.

## Eight New 4-H Clubs Are Formed

Eight additional 4-H club charters have been received from H. C. Seymour, State Club Leader, Oregon State College, according to J. E. Albaugh, County Club Agent.

Clubs which have qualified and will be presented these charters are: Oak Grove Cooks led by Mrs. Fred Reich of Medford; The Busy Bee Clothing Club led by Mrs. Maude Arnold of Medford; The Helpful Cooks led by Mrs. W. H. Northcraft of Medford; The Rosebud Clothing Club led by Miss Mabel Moore, Gold Hill; The Willing Workers Cookery Club led by Mrs. Mildred L. Ager; The Ambitious Six Cookery Club led by Mrs. Frank E. Martz of Ashland; Good Luck 4-H Clothing Club led by Mrs. D. R. Speece, Ashland; and the Busy Hour Cooking Club led by Mrs. Verne Tamplar.

## So what?--

Since we cannot always have what we like, let us like what we can get.—Old Spanish Proverb.

It was reported to us by very poor authority that J. C. Penny was going to move into the vacated Alexander Implement Co. old home.

Messrs. Ed Farra, Ed Vincent, Dad Dunge and M. C. Merritt all looking for work helping to move the Alexander stock into its new home.

Mr. Case going to Medford after Ice Tuesday morning in that heavy rainfall and deciding that he didn't want any ice and coming home empty-handed.

Young Teddy McCoy buying a penny's worth of Easter eggs—and forgetting to hand over his penny.

Mr. Stewart remarking that California might be a nice place to live in if you had never lived in Oregon.

## RELIEF CORPS CONVENTION TO BE HELD HERE

The following members of the W.R.C. who attended the district convention in Ashland Saturday were: Mesdames Eva Smith, Louise Minnick, Ida Henderson, Edna Marline, Emma Gleason, Edna Kilburne, Dora Jones, Freda Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Woods. Three new members, Mesdames Anna Faber, Louise Ayres and Martha Booth were initiated into the order during the day. Madge Dorman of Gold Hill was elected president of District No. 5. Helen Piptlan, senior vice president; Dora Jones, junior vice president and Eva Smith, conductor.

The Ashland corp furnished hot dishes, rolls and coffee. The visiting corps brought salads, cakes and pies.

The Central Point corps invited the ladies to hold the 1938 district convention here. This invitation was accepted with pleasure, this being the most central location. Big plans are being made for the District meeting to be held here in March, 1938.

## College Quartet Will Sing Here

LINFIELD COLLEGE, McMinnville, March 22 (Sp.)—The Linfield college male quartet will present a half hour of entertainment featuring classical and popular songs before the Central Point high school student body, March 30.

Composing the quartet are Paul Boehl, Portland, first tenor; Phillip McHarness, Anaconda, Montana, second tenor; Robert Smith, baritone and Alfred Painter, bass, both of Seattle, Washington. These students who have made a number of radio and public appearances, are making an extensive tour of Southern Oregon during the spring vacation.

Prof. Harold C. Elkinton, head of the Department of Business Administration, is accompanying the group and will speak on Linfield college and student life.

## THE FEDERATED CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Lewis, Pastor, Phone 51  
Mr. Kamber, Supt. Sunday School  
Sunday: 9:30 A.M. Bible School, everyone welcome.  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship.  
6:30 P.M. Christian Endeavor, Junior and Senior Groups.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Worship.

Wednesday—7:30. Family gathering, prayer and Bible study.

The weekday Bible classes have resumed their regular schedule as follows:  
Tuesday—2:00, Chapter Summary. 3:00, Synthesis. 6:00, Fisherman's club support. 6:30 Scofield Bible class. 7:30, Church Evidence.  
Wednesday—8:30, Bible Doctrine class.

Thursday—7:30, Personal Evangelism. 8:30, Sunday School Methods. Everyone is welcome to these classes.

Don't miss the closing meetings held each evening except Saturday, under the leadership of Mr. James Johnston. These meetings are proving a gold-mine of spiritual blessing, and we want you all to partake of them with us. The last of the morning study classes on the book of Songs of Solomon will be held Friday morning. Don't miss it. The children will meet as usual on Friday and Saturday afternoons with Miss Mary Johnston.

The regular Easter program of the Sunday School will be presented Sunday morning at the regular Sunday School Hour, and everyone is especially invited to join with us in this hour of song and scripture commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. The church services at the regular hours both morning and evening with Mr. Johnston giving the message, and special Easter music at both services.

The annual meeting of the Federated Church will be held on Tuesday evening, March 30th, beginning with a covered dish supper at 6:30, and the business meeting at 7:30. All friends and members of the Church are urged to be present and enjoy this evening of fellowship.

The ladies Aid Society will meet in the basement of the Church Thursday afternoon, April 1st at 2:00 p.m.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Clifton A. Phillips, Minister  
Easter Program  
The Easter program opens at 10:00 a.m. We expect not less than 200 present. The children and "grown-ups" are cooperating in a mixed program consisting of readings, exercises, vocal and instrumental numbers, with a children's pageant.  
Easter sermon, 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Doris Nealon will sing.  
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p.m. Carl Hoover, director.  
We will cooperate with the Federated church in the closing service of their revival at 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer and Bible study Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.